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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KOICHI MATSUDA ET AL.) : Examiner: A.D. Diamond
Application No.: 10/807,103) : Art Unit: 1753
Filed: March 24, 2004) : Conf. No.: 2515
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ELEMENT AND METHOD)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed non-English documents are also enclosed, together with the Chinese Official Communication citing the non-English documents.

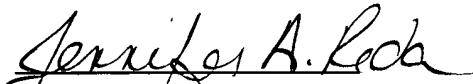
For the concise statement of relevance of non-English document CN 1175095A, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to the English-language counterpart U.S. Pat No. 6,180,870 B1.

Japanese document JP 2001-308354 A, which is cited in the Chinese Official Communication, is not listed on the Form PTO-1449 since it is already of record in the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,180,870 B1	01/30/01	Sano et al.	136	258	
	4,612,411	09/16/86	Wieting et al.	136	265	
	6,426,547 B1	07/30/02	Greenberg et al.	257	656	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
CN	1175095A	03/04/98	China			Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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